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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Twyler M. Lamb

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 11 March 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2 and 4-11 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 3 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Priority

1. Receipt is acknowledged of papers submitted under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d), which papers have been placed of record in the file.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 3 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Booth et al. (Booth) (US 5,872,807).

With regard to claim 3, Booth discloses an electronic device that incorporates a spreading clock generating circuit that includes an oscillator for generating a synchronizing clock signal synchronized with a predetermined frequency; a spreading clock generator for spreading a band of a reference clock which is synchronized with the predetermined frequency, and generating spreading clock signals; a plurality of control circuits for controlling the image forming apparatus or each section of the image forming apparatus, wherein at least one control of the control circuits is driven by the spreading clock signals (col 4, lines 34-65).

Booth discloses that the electronic device set forth in his invention can be any number of electronic devices incorporating microprocessors or other digital circuits requiring a clock signal for synchronization (i.e. computer or printers) (col 4, lines 46-51). Though, Booth does not specifically teach the writing control circuit, nor the writing control circuit being driven by the synchronizing clock signal; nor the electronic device being an image reading apparatus, it is clear from his disclosure the electronic device if a printer would contain a writing control circuit and the electronic device could be an image reading device.

Nor Booth does not expressly teach a resetting section for resetting the spreading clock generator according to an indexing signal.

Naganawa discloses an image signal recording apparatus that includes resetting section for resetting the spreading clock generator according to an indexing signal (col 5, lines 44-53)

Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to have modified any image forming apparatus or any image forming apparatus by incorporating the spread spectrum clock generator (SSSG) of Booth to reduce measurable EMI spectral component emissions provided by the SSSG, and further modify Booth by the teaching of Naganawa to include resetting the spreading clock generator to output an image signal to a predetermined format as taught by Naganawa in col 5, lines 44-53.

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 1-2 and 4-10 are allowed.

Response to Arguments

5. Applicant's arguments, see Amendment, filed 3/11/05, with respect to claims 1-2 and 4-10 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The rejections of claims 3-10 have been withdrawn.

6. Applicant's arguments with respect to claim 3 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Twyler M. Lamb whose telephone number is 571-272-7406. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon, Tues and Thurs 6:30-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Edward L. Coles can be reached on 571-272-7402. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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